GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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INDIGENOUSLY BUILT AIRCRAFT (SARAS)
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the indigenously built India's first Multi-Role Light TransportAircraft "SARAS" had been successfully test flighted

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Government have decided to commence commercial production of this Aircraft ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ;

(e) whether any decision has been taken by the Government to induct the Aircraft into Indian airforce ; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a)&(b) : Yes Sir, the first prototype of the indigenously built India's first multi-role LightTransport Aircraft "SARAS" was rolled out on 4th February, 2003. Various system tests are being completed for the test flight.

(c)&(d) : Commercial production of the aircraft will commence after the Director General of Civil Aviation fully certifies the airworthiness of the aircraft and awards the Type Certificate to the aircraft.

(e)&(f) : The Indian Airforce has shown interest in "SARAS" aircraft for their training and other requirements.